CLAIMS

Now, therefore, the following is claimed:

1.   A computer-readable medium having a program for composing a
multimedia presentation from a plurality of media elements, the plurality of media
elements including audio media elements and image elements, the image elements
including at least one still image, the program comprising logic configured to:

determine at least one control setting, the control setting including the duration
time for display of the at least one still image in an initial presentation; and

automatically compose the initial presentation, the initial presentation
including the plurality of media elements, the initial presentation based in part on the
duration time for the at least one still image and the initial presentation based in part
on at least one time stamp associated with at least one of the media elements.

2.   The program of claim 1, wherein the logic is further configured to
display the initial presentation.

3.   The program of claim 1, wherein the logic is further configured to
display an image line, the image line showing the order of appearance of some of the
image elements in the initial presentation.

1   4.   The program of claim 1, wherein the logic is further configured to

2 display a sound line, the sound line showing the order of expression of some of the

3 audio elements in the initial presentation.

1   5.   The program of claim 3, further comprising logic configured for

2 editing the image line.

1   6.   The program of claim 4, further comprising logic for editing the sound

2 line.

1   7.   The program of claim 1, further comprising logic for editing the initial

2 presentation, the logic for editing configured to interface with a user, the logic for

3 editing comprising logic for reordering the media elements.

1   8.   The program of claim 7, further comprising logic for automatically

2 composing an edited presentation based in part on the duration time for the at least

3 one still image.

1   9.   The program of claim 7, further comprising logic for automatically

2 composing an edited presentation based in part on the interfacing with the user.

1   10.   The program of claim 7, wherein the logic for editing further comprises

2 logic for adding graphic elements.

1   11.   The program of claim 7, wherein the logic for editing further comprises

2   logic for adding text elements.

1   12.   The program of claim 7, wherein the logic for editing further comprises

2   logic for resetting control settings.

1   13.   The program of claim 1, wherein the program is configured for

2   operation on a personal computer.

1   14.   A system for composing a multimedia presentation from a plurality of

2   media elements, the plurality of media elements including audio elements, the

3   plurality of media elements including image elements, the image elements including at

4   least one still image, the system comprising:

5   means for determining at least one control setting, the control setting including

6   the duration time for the at least one still image;

7   means for automatically composing an initial presentation, the initial

8   presentation including the plurality of media elements, the initial presentation based in

9   part on the duration time for the at least one still image and based in part on the time

10   of recording of the plurality of media elements.

1   15.   The system of claim 14, further comprising a means for displaying the

2   initial presentation.

16.   The system of claim 14, further comprising a means for displaying an image line, the image line showing the order of appearance of at least some of the image elements in the initial presentation.

17.   The system of claim 14, further comprising a means for displaying a sound line, the sound line showing the order of expression of at least some of the sound elements in the initial presentation.

18.   A method for creating a multimedia presentation from a plurality of media elements, the plurality of media elements including audio elements and image elements, the image elements including at least one still image, the method comprising the steps of:

determining at least one control setting, the control setting including the duration time for the at least one still image; and

composing an initial presentation, the initial presentation including the plurality of media elements, the initial presentation based in part on the duration time for the at least one still image and in part on the time of recording of the plurality of media elements.

19.   The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of displaying the initial presentation.

20.   The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of displaying an image line, the image line showing the order of appearance of at least some of the image elements in the initial presentation.

1   21.   The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of displaying a

2   sound line, the sound line showing the order of expression of at least some of the

3   sound elements in the initial presentation.

1   22.   The system of claim 21, further comprising the step of editing the

2   initial presentation, the step of editing including the step of reordering the media

3   elements.

1   23.   The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of composing an

2   edited presentation, the edited presentation based in part on the duration time for the

3   at least one still image.

1   24.   The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of composing an

2   edited presentation, the edited presentation based in part on the reordered media

3   elements.

1   25.   The method of claim 22, wherein the step of editing further comprises

2   the step of adding graphic elements.

1   26.   The method of claim 22, wherein the step of editing further comprises

2   the step of adding text elements.

1   27.   The method of claim 22, wherein the step of editing further comprises

2   the step of resetting control settings.

1   28.   The method of claim 18, wherein the method is performed with a

2   personal computer.